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**Re: Rockets, Fireworks, and Flares Superfund Site
San Bernardino County, California
EPA #: CAN000905945**

Dear Mr. Praskins:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Riverside (Riverside) to follow-up on the April 20, 2016, meeting concerning perchlorate contamination associated with the above Superfund Site (RFF).

Riverside is encouraged by the progress made to date by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. As stated in my March 8, 2010, letter, Riverside has concerns about characterization of the southerly edges of perchlorate contamination plume, particularly as the presence of synthetic perchlorate has now been confirmed in Riverside's Flume Wells. To address these concerns, Riverside would request that some, or all, of the following actions be taken:

1. Lower the Method Detection Limit to 0.5 ug/L for analysis for perchlorate in monitoring and other wells being sampled in OU-2.
2. Increase sampling frequency for monitoring and other wells in OU-2.
3. Provide Riverside copies of the recent isotopic analysis of Colton-17

4. Initiate additional investigation and perchlorate sampling in the Rialto-Colton basin beyond OU-2 as well as the Northerly portion of North Riverside basin in the area of Riverside's Flume Wells, including installation of new monitoring wells.
5. Initiate additional isotopic sampling of additional wells in the downgradient direction of Colton-17 as depicted on recent isocontour maps, including monitoring wells, private wells, and public wells. (*See Jan. 16, Monitoring Well Sampling Report, prepared by Ensaf at Figure 5-1, Approximate Extent of Perchlorate in Groundwater, dated 1/8/2016.*)
6. Updated isotopic sampling of Colton-15 in light of new data from Colton-17.

Riverside continues to support your efforts at the above Superfund Site, and remains willing to assist you in any way to ensure that the perchlorate contamination at the Rocket, Flares, and Fireworks site is comprehensively addressed.

Sincerely,



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cc: Girish Balachandran, Riverside Public Utilities General Manager
Susan Wilson, City of Riverside, Deputy City Attorney